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## Sinn Féin meet Consultative Group on the Past

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Sinn Féin spokesperson on victims issues Francie Molloy has led a party delegation including West Belfast MLA Jennifer McCann and Louth TD Arthur Morgan to meet with the consultation group set up to examine ways of dealing with the past.

Speaking after the meeting Mr Molloy said:

"Despite serious reservations about the group Sinn Féin have now meet with Robin Eames and Denis Bradley to outline our views and we would encourage others to do likewise. The issue of truth recovery, of victims and the need for a healing process are crucial matters which need to be resolved in the time ahead.

"Sinn Féin are absolutely committed to the development of a process which can deliver closure for the families of those killed during the conflict. This process must be victim centred and must deal comprehensively with the issue.

"The key to dealing with this issue is ensuring that there is no hierarchy of victims. This includes acknowledging the reality that the British State are protagonists in this conflict and not innocent onlookers.

"Inevitably serious concerns do and will arise from the fact that the group is appointed by the British government and will report back to the British government which will have the final say on any recommendations." ENDS

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